

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 26, as follows:

Drive means 15 are provided under the load-carrying platforms 6 along the conveying path, which drive means are fixedly connected to the frame 2. If necessary, a plurality of the drive means may be provided along the conveying path if the length of the conveying if the length of the conveying path renders this necessary. The drive means 15 comprises an endless friction belt 16 present on one longitudinal side of the links 10, which belt is passed over pulleys, ~~70a, 70b~~ 17a, 17b that are rotatable about vertical axes, one of which is rotated by a motor (not shown). Although the friction belt 16 and the links 10 are spaced apart in figure 1 for the sake of clarity, the outer side of the friction belt facing towards the links 10 engages the flat vertical outer side 18a of the links 10 during operation. A plurality of the hold-down rollers 20 are provided on the opposite longitudinal side the links 10 which hold-down rollers press down on the vertical outer side 18b of the links 10 under the influence of the spring force of springs 21, thus providing a proper contact between the friction belt 16 and the links 10. In this way the movement of the friction belt 16 is transmitted to the links 10, and thus to the load-carrying platforms 16, through friction forces.